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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE, SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1909.

PRICE

SPECIALS THIS WEEK

AT

DeValinger's Cash Stores
MIDDLETOWN and TOWNSEND, DEL.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, Both Stores.

Best Washing Soda cut to	1c lb
Best Dry Peaches cut to	5c lb
3 Plugs Best Light Jolly Tar Tobacco	25c

SPECIALS ALL WEEK, Both Stores.

Best Ground Spices for Pickling All kinds.	30c lb
Best Picnic Hams cut to	11c lb
Best Dry Salt Pork cut to	12c lb
Good Stewing Beef cut to	5c lb

SPECIALS AT TOWNSEND STORE, One Week.

Ladies' Undervests cut to	3c
Boys' \$1.75 Tan Shoes cut to	\$1.25
Children's \$1.25 School Shoes cut to Sizes 9 to 1.	98c
Children's \$1.50 Pat. Colt Shoes cut to	\$1.15
Children's \$1.50 Pat. Colt Ties cut to	\$1.00
Children's \$1.50 Tan Ties cut to	\$1.00
Men's 25c Belts cut to	15c
Ladies' \$1.50 Pat. Colt Ties cut to	\$1.00
Children's 50c School Dresses cut to	25c
Ladies' \$1.00 Waists cut to	48c
Ladies' \$2.50 Tan Oxfords cut to	\$1.50

Did you ever try using your cash? If not try it this week and you will be convinced of the great saving to be made by buying for cash. Bring all your Butter, Eggs and Chickens, they are just the same as cash to us.

W. T. DEVALINGER,
MIDDLETOWN AND TOWNSEND, DELAWARE.

M. BANNING, DEALER IN Fancy Groceries, Meats, Notions, &c.

Canning and preserving season is now here and you know you should have new jars for new fruit, so come see our line of patent top Royal jars in two styles, round and square. They are strictly sanitary as nothing but the glass touches the contents.

We also have all sizes of Mason jars; jelly glasses; sealing and paraffin wax; jar tops and rubbers.

Pay special attention to our fruit and vegetable line.

Be sure to see our stock on Saturdays.

Phone No. 80.

M. BANNING.
East Main St.
Middletown, Del.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—

Blackbird Hundred

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the taxes for the year 1909 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE
SEPTEMBER 24th, 1909,
From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
SEPTEMBER 27th, 1909,
From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT DELANEY'S
(DAVIS STORE)
SEPTEMBER 24th, 1909,
From 1 to 3 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE,
GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:
Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

JOHN BEITH,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—

APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the taxes for the year 1909 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART,
IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
EVERY SATURDAY,
During SEPTEMBER 1909.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

SAMUEL B. [REDACTED]
PAYS THE HIGHEST
MARKET PRICE FOR

ALL KINDS OF Grain

Mr. William Janvier is our Grain Purchasing Agent at St. Georges.

ON HAND AT ALL TIMES HIGH-GRAD AUTUMNUS & LERIGH

COAL!

SAVED WOOD by the Cord or in small quantities

Lime, Seed, Feed, &c

Just received a carload of Western Oats

FOR SALE

H2 Acre FARM!

Situated in Cecil County, Md., 80 acres clear, balance in woodland, 3-4 mile from Railroad Station, 12 room slate roof dwelling, large barn and all other necessary outbuildings. Possession given March 25th, 1909, if desired.

Very truly,

W. W. Allen & Son

Middletown, Del.

FIRE INSURANCE

Town Property, Farm Buildings, and Stock

TORNADO INSURANCE

Insure now against damage from wind storms

Life and Accident Insurance

For Sale or Lease!

One of the Oldest and Best HOTEL BARS and RESTAURANTS in Baltimore, Md., Situated on the principal street, and right in the heart of the business centre. Address—

J. J. HYNES,

122 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, Md.

PRICE OF LIVING GOES UP

Everything we Eat and Wear is Advancing Steadily

The cost of living is steadily increasing. In the last thirteen years there has been an advance in the price of commodities of exactly 40.1 per cent. This includes not only breadstuffs, but clothing, leather, dairy products—in fact, everything that enters to any appreciable extent into the demands of the householders.

During this summer there has been a gradual upward turn. The wholesaler is paying this month one-half of one per cent. more for various commodities than he did in July, and about the same increase has been made with each month since the end of spring. While the wholesaler has been paying more, the advance to the consumer has been progressing to an even greater extent.

Forty-eight articles used by the householders are higher this month than they were a year ago, and all of these articles are those of which the consumer buys the most, such as flour, eggs, pork, mutton, cheese, coffee, tea and butter.

Bradstreet's Agency has been keeping track of the movement of prices for comparative purposes since 1892, the year before the big panic. In arriving at the average increase, the agency takes the wholesale market prices of 10 different commodities, ranging from milk, bread, flour and other articles used in the household, to leather, textiles and building materials.

The price of these commodities per pound are added together, giving what is technically called the "index number"—or what it would cost to buy one pound of all the 100 commodities. The agency has found that the articles taken for this list, when added together, furnish a true barometer of general prices. In 1892, the year before the panic of 1893, the "index" of commodity prices was \$6.1382. In 1896, when the country was in the depths of the depression which followed the panic, the "index" price went down to \$5.7019. Then came an intermediate period, and later, just before the panic of 1907, prices reached their highest point, the commodity average being \$9.1292. In the summer of 1908 the price dropped to \$7.7227, and after that there came a gradual increase. In January of this year the "index" price was \$8.2931, while this month it is \$8.5039.

The significance of these figures to the householder is that, while prices have been gradually going up in the wholesale market, the consumer has been obliged to pay not only this increase, but in many instances considerably more.

According to Bradstreet's figures, there has been an increase in the average group per pound since 1892 from 5 to 10 cents; live stock, 18 to 38 cents; provisions, \$1.38 to \$2.08; fruits, 12 cents to 17 cents; hides and leather, 32 cents to \$1.25; textiles, \$1.57 to \$2.45; oils, 2 cents to 41 cents.

In thirteen years the wholesale price of eggs has increased from 12 cents a dozen to 28 cents; mutton, 5 cents to 11 cents; bacon, 4 cents to 11 cents; butter, 15 cents to 27 cents; and potatoes, 75 cents per 100 pounds to \$1.75.

In the markets there is an impression that there will be a further advance in wholesale prices and that before the end of the year the cost of living will be up another notch.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

As my NEW BAKERY is just completed, I am now ready to supply the public with

Fresh Bread, Cakes and Pies Daily.

And an confident I can give you satisfaction. Quality and cleanliness will be strictly adhered to. I can have any fault to find, please come to me with them, and I will try to correct them. You are cordially invited to inspect my Bakery, and your patronage is earnestly solicited.

Special Orders will receive Prompt Attention.

EDMOND BLOME,

North Broad Street,

Middletown, Delaware

COUNTRY TRAINING FOR BOYS

When a child grows up in the country, it gets a natural training in accurate observation.

It wants to find a four-leaf clover; it runs to see where the green snake went to; it tracks the woodchuck to its hole and gets it out; it learns the songs of the birds, and knows when the snails run up the brooks and when the twilight is just right for feeding the partridges. In short, the country child gets naturally a broad training in observation. It also has on the farm an admirable training in manual labor. From an early age it can actually contribute to the care of animals, the successful conduct of the household, and the general welfare of the family. In the city all this natural training is lacking, and substitutes for it have to be artificially provided. This necessity has brought into our schools nature-study and manual training, to teach the child to use its eyes and its hands, and to develop its senses and its muscular powers; and these new beneficial agencies in education, already well in play, are in the near future to go far beyond any stage at present reached. We do not yet see how to replace in urban education the training which the farmer's boy or the seacoast boy gets from his habitual contact with the adverse forces of nature. The Gottle Island boy, on the coast of Maine, goes out with his father in the early winter morning in a half-open sailboat to visit their lobster traps and bring home the entrapped lobsters. They start with a gentle breeze and a quiet sea, though the temperature is low. The boy knows just how to steer the boat five or six miles to sea, where the traps are sunk on some rocky spot which the lobsters love. The father is busy pulling the traps. The boy watches the weather, and suddenly he says, "Father, there is a northwester coming. See the clouds driving this way over the hills." The boy knows just as well as the father what that means. It means a fearful beat to windward to get home, facing a savage spray and a falling temperature, the spray dashing over the vessel and freezing to the sails and ropes and loading down the bow with ice. It means a life-and-death struggle for hours, the question being, Shall we get into harbor or not before we sink? Now, that is a magnificent training for a boy, and the sheltered city offers nothing like it.

The adverse forces of nature, if not so formidable that men cannot cope with them, are strenuous teachers; but in modern cities we hardly know that the wind blows, or that the flood is coming—President Eliot of Harvard.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

Contracts for furnishing supplies to the State Hospital for the Insane at Farnhurst for the ensuing quarter were awarded at the quarterly meeting of the trustees of that institution Friday. They were as follows:

John T. Devine—Beef, mutton, veal and salt meat.

John J. Schrade—Bread.

Wright & Davidson—Men's clothing, shoes and slippers.

Erdman Hoffman—Drugs.

W. H. Smith & Co.—Dry goods.

William E. Frank—Groceries.

Superintendent Hancaker's report follows:

Patients admitted during the month, six males and seven females; discharged, one male; died, five males and two females; population, September 1st, 244 males and 199 females, total 443; board received from pay patients during August, \$880.32.

CONFERENCE PROPHET

Although several months distant, active preparations are being made for the forty-second session of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference to be held in Salisbury next March. The centre of interest is the appointment of district superintendents to succeed Rev. A. S. Mowbray, of the Wilmington District, and Rev. Dr. S. M. Morgan, of the Dover District. Both of the superintendents have served the time limit, having been appointed in 1903. A number of prominent ministers have been mentioned as possible successors including Revs. C. A. Hill, of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Wilmington; C. T. Wyatt, Harrison street, Wilmington; C. W. Prettyman, Snow Hill, Md.; C. T. Atterson, Newark, Del., and H. C. Bodd, Crisfield.

THE VALUE OF BEES

According to estimates of the Bureau of Entomology the annual production of honey in the United States amounts to the value of \$20,000,000. But their production of honey is not the most valuable service that bees render, for, according to the same authority, their work in fertilizing the blossoms of fruit trees is worth more than \$20,000,000 every year. Because of the recent development of contagious diseases among bees it is recommended that apiculture be not popularized, but rather that it be confined to specialists having a sufficient financial stake in the business to insure proper attention to the health of the bees.

Horses in Belgium

Horse fairs, held almost continuously, have helped to make Belgium the greatest horse-breeding country of its size in the world. The fairs are largely attended by foreign buyers, especially Germans, who purchase 25,000 horses a year at these exhibitions. It is estimated that there are now 300,000 horses in Belgium, a country not quite as large as the State of Maryland, which has just about half that number of horses.

Cures Blood, Skin Diseases, Cancer Greatest

Blood Purifier First

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humor, if you have blood poisons, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scurvy, itching, rashes and bumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, eczema, rheumatism or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop and the blood is made pure and rich. Druggists or by express \$1 per large bottle. Sample free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases, as it cures after all else fails.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

The contents of the inner vessel of a double boiler will cook much more rapidly if the water in the outer compartment is salted in the proportion of half a cup of salt to two quarts of water.

Should sink drain chance to get choked pour into sink one-fourth pound copperas dissolved in two-quarts boiling water. If this is not a efficacious repeat before sending for a plumber.

Waffles are much lighter if made with sour cream and the batter kept rather thin. To eat with them, try chicken gravy or cinnamon and sugar mixed or jumps of maple sugar melted down and served hot.

Bread pudding takes on new dignity when it is flavored with chocolate. Make a chocolate custard and put it in a baking dish with alternate layers of bread. This can be eaten either with or without cream.

The easiest way to clean a cereal cooker is to turn it upside down in a pan of boiling water and steam it until the sticky mass is soft and loosened from the sides of the pan.

A good silence cloth for the dining table can be made with a double thickness of white flannel laid with the soft side on the inside and quilted on the machine; edge with a binding of white tape.

Much time is saved if paper linings for cake pans are cut in quantities and kept ready for instant use in a dust-proof box with tight lid.

Covering the pan when fish is frying is apt to make the fish soft. A solid, firm meat that is at the same time flaky is what the good cook likes.

A little muriatic acid added to the rising water after a blue and white rug is scrubbed with soap and water will help to restore the color.

The best hardwood floors for every-day usage are those which are either waxed or oiled. A floor that is shellacked, as a great many hardwood floors are, does not wear well. It shows the marks of boot soles and is easily scratched. Unless it is carefully covered with rugs it is as much of a nuisance as carpeting. The waxed floor is really the ideal floor for all rooms except the kitchen. The ordinary oiled floor is the best for the kitchen, where there is so much hard usage. It does not show boot marks, and can be easily washed. It will often remain, under ordinary conditions, very clean and neat-looking for half a year or more, without renewing the oil. The proper oil to use is boiled oil; and it should be rubbed into the floor until the pores are filled with it. In time it becomes oxidized, so that a permanently glossy surface is produced.

A bicycle pump will clean a sewing machine when it is clogged with dust and it seems impossible to reach the parts with a cloth. Blow out all the little particles with the pump, finally cleaning with a soft cloth and oil.

All women who sew or rather those who use paper patterns know how difficult it is to keep them in place while cutting out material according to their outlines. Most home sewers use pins to fasten the patterns, but one clever woman has found that thumb tacks are a great deal better than pins, for they may be easily pushed into the lap board or table. They hold down the papers securely and even fasten the slippery or weighty material at the same time.

THIS SUMMER WAS VERY DRY

Only twice since the establishment of the United States Weather Bureau has the rainfall for the three summer months of June, July and August been smaller than it has this year. The average precipitation for these months, as figured from the records for thirty-five years, is 12.34 inches. This summer the total was but 6.40 inches, a deficiency of almost 60 per cent. In 1881 the total for the three months was 6.01 inches, while in 1904 the banner dry year, the rainfall was only 5.33 inches.

The normal rainfall for a year, which really means the average rainfall is 41.17 inches in the vicinity of Philadelphia. Figuring on this basis there is a total deficiency since January 1st of 4.90 inches. This will probably be evened up before the beginning of the new year and so the chances are that this rainless summer will be followed by a wet and soggy fall.

THE DANGER IN DUST

Did you ever realize what a dangerous thing it is to clean house in the spring? A writer in a London medical journal, the Lancet, insists that spring cleaning has many possibilities for evil if not properly conducted. Dirt and dust are full of disease breeding germs; but, however dangerous these creatures may be when lodged in the woodwork or comfortably settled under the hall carpet, they are much more ferocious, this writer insists, if stirred up and irritated and sent flying through the air. If we can't keep our houses clean as we go we had better let them stay dirty. This writer's rule is to "let sleeping germs lie."

What a house would look like after

forty years of total abstinence from spring cleaning we leave to our women readers to judge. Yet we venture the assertion that there is one creature who would find the situation entirely satisfactory. It is like the annual cleaning ceremony, it takes to eat cold supper off the kitchen table, and beating carpets is to it an abomination. It will doubtless make capital out of the Englishman's warning against the perils of housecleaning.

When You are Considering How to Economize In Your Living Expenses, just Remember that we Guarantee to save you

10% on all Goods

BELOW THE REGULAR PRICE

OUR LARGE STOCK OF

Groceries, Fresh and Salt MEATS, &c.

Are all Guaranteed to be of the best quality. If you will call at our store and learn our prices and inspect our prices, you will be convinced the above statements are correct.

WE KEEP ON HAND AT ALL TIMES A FULL LINE OF ALL KINDS OF FRESH MEATS

OUR BEST ST. K. 15 CTS. LB.

Lundy's Real Cut Price Store

Corner Broad and Main Streets

Middletown, Delaware

ALLEN'S BAKERY

We sell Candies at wholesale prices. Examine our stock of candies in 1, 1 and 5 lb. boxes before buying elsewhere.

Wholesale and Retail

We are now making and serving to our customers Graham Wheat Bread.

Having now completed our first year in the baking business, we feel that we are in a position to give our patrons better service in the future than in the past. Thanking you for past favors and soliciting your future patronage, we remain

Very truly,

W. W. Allen & Son

Middletown, Del.

FIRE INSURANCE

Town Property, Farm Buildings, and Stock

TORNADO INSURANCE

Insure now against damage from wind storms

Life and Accident Insurance

W. W. ALLEN,

Middletown, Del.

...the part of swimmers
...where they encountered
...the press has
...in keeping before the
...the folly of such risks and
...spreading widely the knowl-
...of what ought to be done
...best persons in the water are
...to be in danger or have been
...drowned in a dying condition.
...The right methods promptly ap-
...plied often result in restoration
...to consciousness where death
...would result were such measures
...not taken. Many persons have
...been drowned the past summer
...in sight of people who stood on
...the banks and wrung their hands
...instead of doing at once what
...might have saved the lives of
...those imperiled and doing their
...utmost to keep afloat until help
...could come.

MORE DOPE IN FOODS

The Association of State and National Food and Dairy Departments, at Denver, decided by a vote of 57 to 42 that the use of benzoate of soda as a preservative is not dangerous to health. Thus Dr. Wiley is overruled, and Mr. Roosevelt's "Referee Board of Consulting Scientific Experts" is sustained. Only a year ago this same association denounced Secretary Wilson for his attitude on this subject, condemned the use of this preservative and warmly commended Dr. Wiley. We suppose it has no more facts before it to-day than it had a year ago, and yet it reverses its verdict. Even as it is, however, forty-two delegates voted against benzoate of soda—a very respectable minority.

It seems strange that Secretary Wilson should have traveled all the way to Denver to participate in any of the work of a convention to which he was not a delegate. We are told that he "captured" the convention. He and the members of the referee board were all on hand, and it is evident that their work was effective. We do not recall that Mr. Wilson ever before attended one of these gatherings—certainly he never before used his influence to control their deliberations. It looks as though a good deal of governmental pressure has been applied, and in a very effective way. There was a delegation from the United States Department of Agriculture, which, of course, voted in the affirmative on the resolution sustaining the referee board.

Of course, when experts differ the layman ought to speak with some reserve. It may be that Dr. Wiley exaggerated the dangers incident to the use of benzoate of soda. There are men who are not parties to this controversy who think so. But, after admitting everything that can be claimed on this score, we cannot think that the majority vote will have any influence with fair-minded and unprejudiced men. In the first place, forty-two delegates voted against the resolution. These, of course, are convinced of the rightfulness of Dr. Wiley's stand. Again, the convention, in order to reach the result, was forced to repudiate its own conclusion of a year ago. In the third place, it is clear that the influence of Secretary Wilson and his delegation, of which he was not, however, a member, had weight; and they got it, not a vindication for benzoate of soda; at least one for the secretary of agriculture and his referee board. Such a judgment as this, pronounced only by a small majority of the convention, will not be deemed convincing. Nor should it be forgotten that, in order to reach its conclusion, the convention had to upset the report of its own committee, headed by Dr. Robinson, of Michigan, a committee appointed to examine the report of the referee board. The committee condemned the report of the board and found that the use of benzoate of soda promoted "the practice of concealing insanitary methods."

There was a good deal to be got over, but the convention did not hesitate. It reversed itself and repudiated the finding of its own committee. There is some reason to fear that there will now be an attempt to show that other things used and other methods followed for preserving foodstuffs are harmless. The industries interested are not likely to stop with this victory. Rather, it will encourage them to seek still other interpretations favorable to them. We feel that it would have been much better to sustain Dr. Wiley, a man who has done so much to protect the health of the people. It is never likely that such laws as the pure food law will be too strictly enforced. The danger is all the other way. To fail to sustain even an overzealous official is to discredit him, and, also, we fear, to weaken the law which it is his business to enforce. As for

the majority vote it signifies little or nothing. It might have been favorable to Wiley had it not been for the influence of Secretary Wilson and the votes of the Agricultural Department delegation.—Indianapolis News.

GOOD ORDER MUST PREVAIL

Mr. Editor:—Referring to the petition published in your paper last week, in regard to the Saturday night crowds, it seems to me that the petitioners labor under the impression that they are the most important people of the town; that nothing must be done that they think will interfere with their private interests; that certain people must be allowed undue liberty at the expense of the comfort and pleasure of the majority, and that the laws must be ignored for their benefit—and license allowed to a certain class. Further that the officers whose duty it is to preserve order, regardless of race or color, do not exercise good judgment.

Let us consider these points: Every citizen knows that for many years past, efforts have been made through the press and otherwise to break up these Saturday night crowds; they were and are a nuisance. It has not been fit for a white woman to walk the streets on a night mentioned. If by chance our wives or daughters were compelled to be out on matters of business, they were compelled to push their way through a crowd of negroes, men and women and are forced to listen to foul language, for it is a fact well known, that it is not our best and most respectable class of colored citizens who congregate on the corners and hold family reunions on the sidewalks of our town. They go about their business and disturb no one. Again the petitioners stand in their own light, for they do not know that if this state of affairs is allowed to prevail, that it will effectively cut off the trade or patronage of the great majority of our citizens on a Saturday evening. It is possible that three or four of them may find the colored trade the most profitable to them, but they are placing themselves in a position to forget the respect of the majority, and hence curtailing their prospects of increased business in the future. The law knows no distinction in race or color, and an efficient police officer who discharges his duties conscientiously will break up a crowd, black or white, as a most effective way to prevent disorder and trouble, and that is what our present Chief of Police, Howard W. Stanley, has been doing without any discrimination, fear or favor, whatever. All have been treated alike, and that is the proper course. Surely, readers, you are not willing to allow that the colored people are to be allowed to do as they please and be entitled to more privileges than the white citizens. The police have exercised good judgment in handling these crowds; they have treated white and black alike as can be proven beyond doubt, and instead of condemnation, they deserve our highest praise.

What will be the result if the Police are prevented from doing their duty. One word will answer—Lawlessness. Who will be responsible? Answer—the Town Commissioners. Why? Because it is their duty to see that peace and order is preserved. They now have in Mr. Howard W. Stanley, our chief of police, a most efficient, impartial and gentlemanly officer, who deserves the hearty support of every fair-minded citizen, and certainly is entitled to, by virtue of his appointment, the strongest moral and legal support of the Board of Town Commissioners. This Board has done a great deal for the betterment of our town, financially and otherwise, and cannot do less than support the officer of their choice and his subordinates.

In regard to the statement that colored people were to be driven to their homes or out of town at a certain hour, that is not true. There is no law to that effect, nor have the police any orders of that kind. The writer made inquiry in regard to that point, and found that portion of the petitioners' statement untrue; and further if that petition was again presented to the signers, there would be very few signatures, as the matter was not only considered by those who signed it, but also by the Town Commissioners, who continue to meet the good will and esteem of the vast majority of our town, by ignoring the petition, and not relax in the least their orders to the police for the preservation of order, which has been productive of the best order under our present chief, than ever before.

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MEETING OF THE LEVY COURT

The Levy Court meeting Tuesday resulted in nothing but the transaction of routine business. The commissioners talked at length about repairs to the embankment along the road between Delaware City and Augustine Park, which has been washed considerably by the river. They made a visit to the road Saturday and found that the hedge and trees, which formerly served as a retaining wall, had nearly all been washed away and that it would be necessary to face the embankment with stone. Tuesday afternoon a representative of the Chester Quarries Company met with the court relative to furnishing stone for the facing, but no indefinite decision was reached. President John W. Dayett and Road Supervisor R. S. Carpenter visited Chester and Lelleville Monday relative to stone.

The following financial report was made by the county treasurer: Credit special bond issue No. 1, \$7,453.78 Bond issue No. 2, 88,787.17 Miscellaneous road appropriation, 89.93 Christians hundred, 52.30 Mill Creek, 45.98 White Clay Creek, 283.40 Pender, 461.46 New Castle, 810.33 Red Lion, 67.99 St. George, 549.85 Appoquinimink, 9.83 Blackbird, 57.62 Brandywine, 542.35

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If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humor, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, rashes and bumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). Soon all your blood poisons will stop and the blood is made pure and rich, druggists or by express \$1 per large bottle. Sample sent by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases, as it cures after all else fails.

INTERNATIONAL SUNSHINE SOCIETY

[Press Correspondent]
Motto: "We Serve."
The International Sunshine Society, founded in New York City some years ago by Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, began its work in one small room, in a very small way, with one small woman at the head of it. Now the Society has 3000 branches, and state presidents in 37 different states. Several states have individual "Sunshiners," but have not yet arrived at the dignity of having a state president.

The President General of "Sunshine," Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, the National workers, as well as the state officers, give their time and talents gratuitously. There are no paid officers in "Sunshine." At the National headquarters of the Society, 96 Fifth Avenue, N. Y., one can find good women working day after day, for the good of their fellow creatures. Is it for the rich? No, not alone; but no matter how rich a person is, "Sunshine" will be sent him if he needs it. Is it for the poor? No, no, not alone the poor. But if a person is poor and deserving, he will be helped, if his wants are made known to "Sunshine" people. Is it for the weak, the sad, the weary? For all? Ah, now you have said it! For all! Not one, but all. The invalid is given aid, when help is possible. Doctors bills sometimes paid, nursing food given, and any of the thousand and one things an invalid needs or craves. Nurses are often furnished, and "Sunshine" cheer given in many ways. The sad and the weak are helped, and the children have been adopted and cherished by "Sunshine!" Good women have read to them, cheered them by visits, letters and little gifts. And the "Sunshine" cheer is always accepted, and more asked for.

It is impossible to tell you what the International Sunshine Society has done. But two of the most extensive works of the Society are the building of the Blind Babies' Home at Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Sunshine Sanitarium and Hospital at Bensonhurst, N. Y. The Blind Babies' Home is the only place of the kind in the United States, and is doing a good work. It is not entirely paid for, so if you wish to help a little, send your mite to Mrs. C. W. Alden, 96 Fifth Avenue, N. Y.

Our own State President, Miss Elizabeth Groves of Wilmington, is a young woman possessed of much energy. She and her aides are doing a good work in Wilmington. One of their pet charities is loaning wheel chairs to invalids. A good work, as you know. The chairs are not given away, but are loaned, and are passed on to some other sufferer, when needed. They also try to find homes for those in need of work, and helpers for those in need of help.

The Wilmington societies had a Reel Tent the County Fair week. This tent was supplied with tables, chairs and couches and was much in demand. The State President was on hand each day, and had a pleasant greeting for old friends and new, and the State colors, yellow and white, were much in evidence.

Our own little branch, the "Amelia Street" branch, was organized last winter and held a number of interesting meetings. This branch was named for one who was called the "original Sunshine" of Middletown. Most of us remember "Miss Amelia," but most of us never heard of her many deeds of sunshine. A few who knew her well, however, can tell of how she gave of her time and substance to aid the sick and unfortunate. This branch has in its possession one wheel chair, which is now loaned to an invalid. Small gifts have been made to some who needed help, and cheer has been sent to many. An entertainment was given by several small children and the proceeds given to the society for use in their work. The president of our local branch, Miss Marie T. Lockwood, is obliged to resign, much to her regret, because of absence from home, but her place is being ably filled by Miss Helen Pender.

A new president with, probably be elected at the next meeting. The officers and members hope the public will take an interest in the society and help them with their Fall work, for you know while a handful of people can do something, two handfuls of people can do much more.

"It matters not what the day may be—Sunshine, rainy or gray you see; If only the heart is glad and gay, 'Twill make for you a sunny day. Scatter the sunshine where you will, Then love and joy and peace you will know; A happy heart for yourself you'll find By being loving and true and kind."

CECILTON

Mr. J. D. Belts spent Thursday in Wilmington.

Mr. A. Shaw was in Baltimore several days this week.

Mr. E. S. Short spent Monday and Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Oldham Davis, of Elkton, spent one day last week with his parents.

Mr. Harry Dodd, of Baltimore, spent a few days with his parents here.

Miss Olive Milliken has been entertaining her cousin from Wilmington.

Miss Bertha Coggage, of near Warwick, has been visiting Miss Isabel Coggage.

Miss Leona Yates who has been spending the summer in New York, has returned home.

Mrs. Harry Price and son Lewis are spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. A. E. Blanton.

Miss Mollie Richards, who has been spending two months in Seattle, Wash., has returned home.

Messrs. Thomas and Wallace Bell, of Philadelphia, are visiting their cousin, Mr. George Piers.

Millard Taylor, of Millington, spent a few days this week with his parents, Mr. J. W. Taylor and wife.

Messrs. Clifford V. and Frederick E. Hoover have returned home, after playing base ball in the Eastern Carolina League in Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. R. L. Wilkins, wife and two daughters, Misses Helen and Grace, have returned to their home in New Jersey, after spending sometime with Dr. R. M. Black and wife.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Miss Esie Boudin is visiting friends in Virginia.

Miss Kate Sewell, of Elkton, has been visiting Mrs. T. N. Loraine.

Miss Mary Dunning, of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Evelyn Kibler.

Mrs. Catherine Vansant, of Dover, is the guest of Mrs. Z. T. Cooling.

Horace Moore, of Narberth, Pa., spent Monday with Frank Hadgust.

Mrs. E. A. Beauchamp has returned from an extended stay at Rehoboth.

Messrs. Clarence Noland and Bennett Savin, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Merchant, of Galena, Md., George Casie, of Washington, and Mrs. Sallie Cooper, of Templeville Md., spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. James Woollyban.

A very pleasant party was given at the home of Mr. Jacob Rhodes Friday evening.

Thomas Reed, of Philadelphia, has been spending several days with J. M. Reed, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Kibler visited relatives in Wilmington several days last week.

Mrs. Howard Taylor, of Camden, is spending sometime at the home of Mrs. T. A. Rose.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bonchelle and Mrs. H. W. Kibler spent Tuesday with Mrs. J. G. Ellison.

Miss Annie Johnson, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kornhaw, of Wilmington, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson.

Miss Mary Cooper, of Laurel, Del., and Helen Windle, of New London, Pa., have returned for the school year.

Rev. Ernest Hallman and Miss Mae Taylor were married at Magnolia, Del., Thursday evening, September 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor, of Middletown, spent Friday with Miss Louise Boudin.

Miss Esther R. Bank and Mr. Wayne Moyer, of Roxborough, Pa., were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Clayton on Sunday.

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The Middletown Transcript

Mails close as follows:
Going North—7:35 a. m., 10:35 a. m., 4:05 p. m., 8:05 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—7:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 4:00 p. m., 8:00 p. m. and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—7:30 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 4:00 p. m., 8:00 p. m. and 9 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Marlville 8:30 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., SEPT. 11, 1909

Local News

FOR SALE—1000 bushels Seed Wheat.
JOSEPH E. HOLLAND, Milford, Delaware.
10-inch double-faced Disc Records, 65c.
Edison Records 35c and 50c at
MORRIS'S.

After June first, the Library hours will be: Tuesday, 7 to 8:30; Friday, 7 to 8:30 and Saturday 8 to 9 P. M.

Dr. J. C. Stiles has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

Now is the time to have your teeth attended to. Don't wait for hot weather. Dr. Johnson will give you up-to-date service. Fresh gas daily.

Mr. Joseph Haller, of Odessa, and Miss Beulah W. Austin, of McDonough, were married on Wednesday, September 8th, 1909, by the Rev. J. A. Arter.

If you want a new Fall Coat Suit, Skirt or Dress come see our large up to date stock, coming in every day from New York.

SALESMEN WANTED to look after our interest in New Castle and adjacent counties. Salary or Commission. Address LINCOLN OIL CO., Cleveland, O.

Pennsylvania passenger crews have had their attention called to the importance of promptly reporting all kinds of accidents to passengers, it matters not how trivial they may be.

Send your names and personal notices to the paper, that is the way to help make it interesting. Just sign your name, we won't publish it, and then the article will be sure of getting in.

Mr. John Moody Rothwell on Sunday next will reach his 75th milestone in the journey of life, and the members of his family will meet together and spend the day at the Rothwell home.

Mr. William G. Tucker and Miss Annie G. Folan, of Cecil County, Md., were married in St. Anne's Rectory, this town, on Friday, September 3d, by the Rev. Percy L. Doughty, rector.

Will display a large line of ready to wear Fall hats for Ladies, Misses and Children, Saturday, September 11th. The very newest styles will be found here at very moderate prices. A. FOGEL.

After October first, the Library hours will be as follows: Tuesday, 3:30 to 5:15; Friday, 7 to 8:30; Saturday, 8 to 9 P. M. The Library will be open on Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 8:30, for school children exclusively.

A business man advertised that he would give ten dollars for 1000 Lincoln pennies. People came from all directions with dozens of the pennies. The first man offered ten pennies. "Where are the other 990?" he asked, and then the bubble burst.

We have in STORAGE several hundred tons of HIGH GRADE LEHIGH and BITUMINOUS COAL. You don't have to place your order before-hand it is ALWAYS IN STOCK. We have just added to our yard a nice lot of SAWED WOOD. Phone 8.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post office for the week ending September 3d: Mrs. Lena J. Barrett, Miss C. Russell, Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. Maggie Wilson, Mr. R. H. Adkins, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Clarence Shahan and Mr. Raymond S. Ith.

WANTED—Reliable party to run an established Tea and Coffee wagon in Middletown and vicinity suitable to consumers. Large inducements to probars and liberal terms to agents. Address at once. GRAND UNION Tea Company, 609 King Street, Wilmington, Del.

Rain began falling in this section at an early hour Friday morning, after a drought of many weeks, which has cost the farmers of this Peninsula many thousands of dollars. All growing crops have been damaged, and the corn crop in this section which is now being cut will be the lightest in years, and the quality will not be as good as usual.

Dr. David C. Ridgway, of Fort Worth, Texas, preached the sermon at the annual reunion of Old Union Methodist Church, near Townsend, Sunday morning, and Dr. V. S. Collins filled the pulpit in the afternoon, and large congregations attended both services. These services are growing in interest each year, and those in charge have made many improvements in the grounds and edifice.

The postal authorities at Washington recognizing the liability of postmasters to make mistakes in getting letters in the wrong boxes, have fixed a penalty of \$200 on persons taking mail out of the office other than their own and not returning it as soon. This law also includes newspapers. The excuse that it is the postmaster's fault "cuts no ice." If you have been getting other people's mail you had better take warning or you may get yourself in trouble.

While stepping from the 9:25 south bound train Thursday morning, Mr. H. M. Lockwood lost one of his feet, which he was wearing over the new Lincoln shoe which had just helped his mother on her way when the accident occurred which came so near resulting in the loss of his foot. In stepping from the car to the track he slipped, and one of his feet fell on the rail in front of the car which was moving slowly, and the wheel caught his shoe, and the large toe was slightly mangled.

Though every child who ever attended a public school in the United States has been taught that "Ten mills make one cent; ten cents make one dime; ten dimes make one dollar," etc., and should, therefore, know that the "penny" is unknown in our coinage system—nine out of ten persons refer to the cent as a penny, and Deputy United States Treasurer Gibson says that nearly every banker in the country, when writing for the new Lincoln coin head coin, referred to them as pennies. Mr. Gibson says "the law authorizes one cent piece and not pennies." Our coin nomenclature is a curious affair. No one ever sees a mill; most persons refer to the cent as a penny; dimes are seldom mentioned; while eagles are heard of only in books and the treasury department.

Mr. Joseph Hollins has rented the store room in the Opera House building recently vacated by Sylvester and Wilson, where he will open a clothing and shoe store about September 25th.

Union services on behalf of local option interests in this County will be held in Odessa and Port Penn on Sunday evening next, September 12th. At Odessa, the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations will worship together in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. John M. Arter, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Delaware, will be the speaker. This service will be of especial interest, due to the fact that an application for a liquor license has been made for the Stillman House in Odessa, which has been without a license for some time, and both congregations propose to fight this application, reference to which will doubtless be made at the union service. At Port Penn, the Methodist and Presbyterian will worship in the Presbyterian Church and Mr. Clyde E. Gray, Field Agent for the New Castle County Anti-Liquor Committee, will be the speaker. Offerings will be received for the support of local option work in this County, and doubtless both meetings will be enthusiastic.

WOMAN'S CLUBS
In many towns of this state women's clubs are numerous, and while they are criticized by some, they are certainly beneficial in many ways. Middletown has one club—the New Century Club, and it is certainly accomplishing much good. In small towns and villages the club is a special providence to many a weary mother or to the woman of few early advantages and large aspirations. In our great cities women's clubs have been the first to institute social reforms and to call public attention to crying evils. They have controlled superficial and selfish social customs until such customs have become obsolete. In home government and the training of children they long ago struck the keynote of a grand reform which will become more and more harmonious as the years roll by. Out of the selfish "ego" they have evolved the progressive "we." They have strengthened two weak hands with the combined power of twenty or a hundred; they have taken a dull uncut gem of thought and polished it until it has been fit for the purest setting in refined gold; they have mastered great difficulties, conquered absurd prejudices, and solved difficult problems; and the grandest work of all has been to teach the women their own possibilities and the glory of their own heritage.

LETTER TO L. C. SCOTT
Dear Sir: We make Devoe, and of course know what there is in it; but you don't, your neighbors don't, and the people don't. So we get the official chemist of every State in the Union to analyze it and tell what he finds; of course, they find what we put in: lead zinc and oil, a little turpentine, dryer, and color for tint. And that's plain. Every agent has the analysis of Devoe by his State chemist.

We also analyze all other paints, and what do we find?
We find eight mads of the same material as Devoe: all paint: pure paint. But we find no one of the same proportions as Devoe; no one so strong.

And people are trying Devoe alongside of these other paints, and finding out how they work: what it costs to paint Devoe; what it costs to paint those several paints; how they wear alongside and comparatively.

There's a guess-work in any of these results. A gallon Devoe goes further than any other gallon in all paint; it therefore saves both parts of first cost of a job, of paint and labor. It makes the best job of the lot, besides—it takes years and experiences by the thousand to find that out.

Yours truly
F. W. DEVOE & CO
P. S.—J. F. McWhorter & Son sell our paint.

TRIP THROUGH THE CANAL

Colonel W. M. Black, of New York City; Colonel Edward Burr, of Boston, Mass.; Colonel James C. Sanford, of Newport, R. I.; Major Mason M. Patrick, of Norfolk, and Captain L. H. Rand, of Wilmington, and John T. Talman, junior engineer of the local district, the United States engineers appointed to inspect the several routes for the proposed canal from the Delaware River to the Chesapeake Bay in connection with the inland waterway project from New York, Mass., to Boston, N. C., on Monday left Wilmington for a trip through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

From Delaware City a launch took the engineers through the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, thence to the Susquehanna River. An automobile conveyed the party to Middletown, where they stayed overnight. The engineers Wednesday went over the several proposed routes, including the present Chesapeake and Delaware canal, a route along the general line of the present canal a little to the south of it, the Susquehanna-Appomattock route, and two or three other routes. The engineers returned to Wilmington yesterday.

SKELTONS IN EXCAVATION

Fifteen skeletons, lying together in such a position as to indicate hasty burial, and three English copper coins, bearing the date 1729, found with the skeletons during the excavations for the United States Medical School Hospital, near the banks of the Potomac river, brings to light, it is believed, some Indian or prehistoric tragedy of early American days.

As authentic history sheds no illuminating rays on the case, the finger of suspicion wavers in its pointing, looking first towards the redmen, who so often slept along the wooded Potomac banks a century and a half ago, next to a mythical pirate crew which is believed to have made its rendezvous on the Potomac, and lastly to a motley infested slave trading vessel. But the bones may remain forever as silent as they were in the grave.

Leave the Work

After serving a term for embezzlement of county funds, Horace G. Retzer, a former treasurer of New Castle county, left the workhouse Monday night about 7 o'clock, and went to his residence in Wilmington, having completed his term.

His release was ordered Monday afternoon by Resident Judge Hastings. Retzer lost about 30 pounds in weight while in prison, but he is in good health.

PERSONALITIES.

Mrs. L. E. Cullen is spending sometime with her daughter in Milford.

Mrs. Joseph Hudson, of Massey, Md., is visiting Mrs. Josie Dickson.

Miss Elsie R. Jones spent Labor Day in Philadelphia and Willow Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Letherbury spent this week at Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Minors Banning have been visiting relatives in Connecticut.

Mrs. Anna Wise, of West Chester, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jolie.

Miss Frances McCrone is taking a business course at Beacon's College, Wilmington.

Mr. Edward Reynolds has been ill at his home here, and is now confined to his bed.

Mr. Francis H. Wilson has returned after spending several months in Philadelphia.

Mr. James Lightbourne, of Dover, was the guest of friends in town Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Clarence I. Richards, of Granagony, spent Friday with his brother, Mr. Harry Richards.

Mr. John R. Gill, of Sweetboro, N. J., visited relatives here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Anna Wise and Miss Lottie Jolie were the guests of relatives at Millington, Md., on Sunday.

Miss Edna Howell, of Washington, D. C., is spending sometime with her cousin, Miss Alice McKee.

Mrs. E. E. Lewis and Miss Prudence Lewis have returned from a visit with New Jersey friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Carey and children, of Glasgow, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jolie.

Mr. Avery Morgan and sister, Miss Beattie, of Elton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blome.

Miss Louise McDowell, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McDowell, near town.

Miss Ada Lockwood has returned to her home here, after spending some weeks at her farm in Maryland.

Miss Rebecca Cleaver of Philadelphia, visited her sisters, Misses Mary and Ida Cleaver over last Sunday.

Mr. David C. Ridgway, of Fort Worth, Texas, was the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hutchins on Thursday.

Mrs. Walter Weber and son and daughter, of Havre de Grace, Md., are visiting her brother, Mr. Isaac Taylor.

Mrs. James McColegan has returned, after spending several weeks with relatives in Glasgow and Wilmington.

Mrs. Frank N. Davis and children are spending the month in Odessa, guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Vandegrift.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Cullen, of Wilmington, spent several days the first of the week with his mother, Mrs. L. E. Cullen.

Mrs. John Scott and daughter, of Claymont, who spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jolie this week, returned home on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch and son Earle, of Wilmington, spent Sunday and Monday with her brother, Mr. T. S. Fourscore and family.

Mrs. J. H. Mendenhall, will return to her home in Wilmington, next week, after spending sometime with her father, Mr. C. P. Cochran.

Miss Adelaide Ford, who has been visiting her brothers here, is now the guest of Mrs. John J. Williams, at St. Augustine, Md.

Mr. William A. Richards, of near Newark, spent several days this week with his son, Mr. Harry Richards and wife, on West Main street.

Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis are at Atlantic City, N. J., for a week. Dr. E. M. Vanghan has charge of Dr. Lewis' patients while the latter is out of town.

Mrs. Albert Morris and little daughter, of Philadelphia, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Redgrave, in "Middle Neck." Mr. Morris spent Sunday and Monday with his wife.

Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Moore returned home on Thursday, after a two months' trip in Europe. They were given a cordial welcome by the members of Dr. Moore's church and many other friends.

Miss Bernice Metten, of Wilmington, and John F. Metten, of Philadelphia, spent last Sunday and Monday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Metten.

Mrs. A. Fogel returned from New York where she attended the Importers' opening and purchased some imported hats which will be on display at our opening, the date of which will be announced later.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OUR GUESTS

The Road Leading From Town Limits To St. Anne's Inspected

The County Commissioners came to Middletown on Thursday to look over and consider the contemplated improvement to the road extending from the town limits to the St. Anne's road which is to be built of lime stone this fall. The Commissioners and their invited guests were met at the depot and driven to the road in question, where they were met by a large number of those interested in the movement, who explained to the Commissioners what they wanted done, and also the necessity of the work being done while the contractor was building the St. Anne's road, as it could be done much cheaper at this time than at some future date.

After looking the situation over several of the Commissioners expressed themselves as being favorable to the movement, and thought the proper time to do the work was while the contractor was building the St. Anne's road, and while they did not say the road would be improved, many were of the opinion that the Commissioners intend to build the road this fall.

The Commissioners also inspected the lime stone road leading from Odessa to Pine Tree, and later were the guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sparks, at their country home near Odessa, where the party spent several hours. Later they were driven to the depot here and left for Wilmington on the 4:25 train.

ODESSA

Mr. A. P. Corbit spent a few days last week in Cape May, N. J.

Miss Emma B. Eccles spent a few days last week in Philadelphia.

Miss Nell Townsend spent a few days this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. Edward Naylor spent a few days with friends in Wilmington.

Miss Beulah Austin spent a few days this week with friends in town.

Mr. Moody Stevens, of Chester, Pa., spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. Crosby Black, of Chester, Pa., spent a few days with friends in town.

The Quarterly Conference will be held this (Saturday) evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Julian Jones, of Kennedysville, Md., is spending this week with Mrs. A. B. Barry.

Misses Amelia and Helen Mahlberger are spending this week with their aunt in Philadelphia.

Miss Gaudy Ward returned to Chester, after spending sometime with her parents here.

Mr. Herman Smith, of Philadelphia, is spending this week with Mr. Jacob Mahlberger and family.

Miss Minnie E. Armstrong left Monday for West Chester Normal School, where she will take a course.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Brown and daughter Alice spent a few days this week at Atlantic City, N. J.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Duer, of Philadelphia, spent a few days last week with her father, Mr. D. W. Corbit.

Miss Nellie Tribitt has returned to her home in Wilmington, after having a very pleasant visit with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox Marsteller, of Philadelphia, spent part of this week with Mr. John Heidner and family.

Mr. William Greiminger, of Delaware, N. J., is spending sometime with his mother, Mrs. Katherine Greiminger.

Mrs. M. Tyson and son George and Miss George Hallman, of Philadelphia, spent last week with Miss M. Doughty.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dietz, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heidner, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonso Phillips and William Hazel, of Wilmington, spent part of this week with Mr. William Phillips and family.

Rev. V. S. Collins, of Middletown, will preach to-morrow (Sunday) morning in the St. Paul's M. E. Church and Rev. John Arter in the evening.

FROM EUROPE IN FOUR DAYS

New York, September 2d.—Three new ocean records fell to the Cunard liner Lusitania on her latest trip from Queens-town which ended to-night. The Lusitania made the passage in 4 days, 11 hours and 42 minutes, thereby clipping 3 hours and 18 minutes from her fastest previous time; she maintained an average speed of 25.85 knots for the entire voyage, beating the Mauretania's record of 25.84, and finally, by landing her passengers at the Cunard pier shortly before 8 o'clock tonight, she became the first liner to dock on the North River from Queens-town.

The Lusitania left Dunno Rock last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Her days' runs, measured from noon to noon, were as follows: Sunday, 61; Monday, 65; Tuesday, 65; Wednesday, 65; Thursday, 64; and from noon to day, 128. Total 2,784.

JOBS FOR 800 WORKERS

That Wilmington's industrial life is booming was made evident this week by a statement of an official of the Harlan & Hollingsworth Corporation who said that within the next month 800 men will be put to work in the new shops of the plant. There are now 400 men working there.

The keels of the two new steamships for the Wilmington Steamship Company have been laid, and the company has contracts for and has started work on several other steamers and big barges. The new car shop where steel railway cars are to be made are nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy, when many more cars will be completed.

The Harlan & Hollingsworth Corporation is the chief manufacturing interest in Wilmington, and an announcement that the large plant is to be operated on full time is very encouraging to local interests.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. S. BOARD.
Wheat—No. 1 58 1/2 Cents
No. 2 56 1/2 " "
Timothy Seed \$2.50 " "
Clover Seed 3.45 " "
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORN—No. 1 24 1/2 Cents
Butter, per lb. 28 1/2 " "
Butter, per lb. 30 " "
Eggs, per doz. 12 1/2 " "
Live Potatoes 12 1/2 " "

FIGHT ON LICENSE

Both Anti-Saloon League and Liquor Element Preparing for a Contest

The new Judiciary of Delaware will be called upon this month to hear the Anti-Saloon and liquor element alike as John M. Cardesa, of Claymont; William G. Forrest, of Vandever avenue and Caymont street, Wilmington; Jacob Morozki, of No. 638 South Van Buren street, Wilmington; Calvin P. Sidham, of Odessa; Joshua G. Armstrong, of Townsend; and August Schen, of Maryland avenue and Van Buren street, Wilmington, have applied for licenses, and the Anti-Saloon League is preparing remonstrances which will be presented on or before the twenty-second of this month.

This makes a total of seven new places which will be remonstrated against, and the application of Martin J. Donlan of Centerville, who is now selling under a fractional license, will be added to the list. Application made by Mr. Armstrong for the hotel in Townsend, is not the first application for a license to sell liquor in that place, although it is the first time for Armstrong. The license there has been refused several times and once very recently. Forest has been refused a license seven times and the location he seeks a license for has been refused eleven times. Sidham had a license taken from him two years ago, Schen was refused last spring. Cardesa's license application is one of the most unusual in the history of the county, as it is signed by five church members, former Mayor Bird, and four women, Hattie J. Dickinson, Estella L. Hubbard, Carrie Davidson and Catherine W. Cooley. As far as is known, this is the first application to be so signed.

Cardesa for Claymont privileges is the only new applicant, but the remonstrance in this case will be particularly strong, as the people of Claymont are taking a hand in the fight and many of them are assisting the society a great deal.

TOWNSEND

Miss Alice Scott, of Middletown, is visiting Mrs. L. L. Maloney.

Mr. Walter Vohell is visiting his sister, Mr. George Knott.

Mr. Earl Shookley, of Newport, R. I., is visiting his parents here.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney has returned home from a trip to Virginia.

Mrs. Salie Denoy spent last week with George M. D. Hart and wife.

Mr. Frank Reynolds, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Mr. Bayard Jones and wife spent Sunday with his parents in Middletown.

Miss Jennie Heinley, of Wyoming, is spending sometime with Miss Edith Glin.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Townsend, of Wilmington, were the guests of his parents last week.

Miss Edna Layton, of Virginia, is spending sometime at the home of George M. D. Hart.

Miss Maud Smith, of Middletown, was an over Sunday visitor at the home of L. L. Maloney.

Mrs. Martin Gibson and children, of Kent Island, are visiting at the home of her uncle, Mr. David Hutchins.

The Misses Maud and Rebecca Bramble have returned home, after a two weeks visit with relatives in Wilmington.

The Misses Jennie and Alphonse Lattomus and Mrs. Mary Griffin, of Wilmington, are visiting Mrs. William Bramble.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Reynolds and son, Clifford, of Smyrna, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Townsend on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Titus, of Philadelphia, have returned home, after spending a few days with their niece, Mrs. James A. Lee.

Mrs. William Smith, of Onondago, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee and daughter, of Wilmington, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Jones.

Mrs. Raymond Ward and sister, Janet, of Newark, N. J., have returned home, after spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lee.

WARWICK

Mr. Wilson Merritt spent over Sunday at his home here.

Mr. P. F. Jones visited relatives near Galena on Wednesday.

Preaching at the M. P. Church, to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Mrs. and Mrs. Amos Merritt were the guests of Mr. U. P. Gies and family on Sunday.

Miss Lydia Davis has returned home, after a lengthy visit with relatives in Delaware.

Mr. L. B. Maslove and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder, near Cecilton.

Mr. Frank Spidel, of Washington, D. C., is spending sometime with his friend, Mr. Clarence Cullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Alken, of Middletown, have moved in the house recently vacated by Mrs. R. M. Day.

Mr. William Ludlow and friend, of Philadelphia, were guests of his mother, Mrs. Mary Ludlow, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Lipscomb and friend, Miss Blanche Grace, of Wilmington, spent from Saturday until Monday at his home here.

Mrs. George Punt and sister, Miss Elsie Howell, of Wilmington, spent a few days of this week with their aunt, Mrs. M. H. Ruesom.

The Middletown baseball team will cross bats with the Warwick club, at Warwick, this (Saturday) afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the M. P. Church met at the home of Mrs. S. E. Gunkel, last Friday evening. After the regular routine of business was transacted, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: President, Rev. C. M. Cullen; Vice-President, Mr. L. P. King, Jr.; Recording Secretary, Miss Ethel Vinyard; Treasurer, Miss Kate Rousum; Corresponding Secretary and Organist, Miss Beattie Gunkel. The following program was rendered and enjoyed by all: Piano duet, Misses Lane and Willie King; reading, Miss Ethel Vinyard; solo, Miss Beattie Gunkel; piano duet, Miss Beattie Gunkel and Miss Ethel Vinyard; solo, Mr. Frank Spidel, of Washington, D. C. After refreshments the society accepted the invitation to meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. King the first Friday evening in November.

TO MY PATRONS!

On and after SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th,

1909, I will conduct my business on a Cash Basis, and hope

to be able to give my patrons better service in the future than

in the past. The following cut prices will convince you of

STEPHEN

BY W. L. ROSE

The boy waited just inside the doorway. The man at the desk looked up.

Are you the boy who called at my home this morning? he asked. Yes, sir. I think I'm the boy you mean.

Sit here, please. My wife telephoned that she liked your looks. Your name is—

Stephen Bruce.

That sounds like it. Yes Stephen Bruce. Have you any recommendations?

No, sir. I have no acquaintances here.

Where are you from?

Blithedale. I came yesterday. The man at the desk looked the boy over.

How old?

Just eighteen.

Do you know what you will be expected to do if I give you this place?

Take care of the outside of the house, keep the ground in order and look after the lady's horse and phaeton.

Yes. And what would you do with the rest of your time?

Go to school.

Good. The school is close at hand. What sort of an education have you had?

It has been rather irregular. I've been to school every winter and this spring I had a three-months' chance to teach.

Teach?

The boy smiled faintly.

There was nobody else available.

The man looked at the boy with interest.

I'm sorry you haven't any recommendations, he said.

The boy drew a neat little packet of papers from his inner coat pocket.

I have a few lines from the school trustees and a kindly word or two from the minister who has known me since I was born, and to whom it may concern from Judge Oliver, of the circuit court.

Of course I realize that these are not the sort of recommendations a boy who wants a job cutting grass and tending horses should carry around, but they are all I can show.

The man stared hard at the boy. Why don't you look for something better? he demanded.

I want an education, the boy replied. I must have a place where I can work odd hours and go to school. And I mean to work my way through college.

The man waited a moment.

All right, he said, the job is yours if you want it. I'll give you a dollar a day and your board as long as you suit.

Thank you, said the boy. I expect to suit.

You can begin at any time, said the man.

That will be this afternoon, the boy replied. I left my valise at the house.

The man stared again.

Very well, he said.

For several days the man saw very little of the boy.

He noted, however, that the grass had never looked in better condition and that the horse and phaeton left nothing to be desired along the lines of cleanliness.

How is the new boy turning out? he asked his wife.

Better than I expected, she answered. I wish we could help him still more. He seems very deserving.

Steady, Caroline, said the man. You mustn't let your kindly impulses run away with you. And the boy isn't asking any help.

The next afternoon he encountered the boy near the gate. The boy had a black eye, an unmistakable black eye.

At the dinner table the man looked across at his wife.

Has our protege been fighting? he asked.

Yes, his wife replied.

He told you about it?

Yes. And it isn't to his discredit, Henry.

Stephen Bruce, who is said to be your hired man. Is there such a man in your employ, Appleton?

Henry Appleton stiffened a little.

A boy of that name works about my premises and attends the Jefferson high. He is eighteen and considerably lighter than your Jim. I can't believe he could fight against such odds.

Did you see the boy last night?

Yes, and I noticed he had a black eye.

Is that all?

That's all I noticed. He attended to his work as usual.

The judge shook his head.

And you are sure he is not a big quarrelsome brute with brass knuckles, or something of that sort?

Henry Appleton frowned.

He is a quiet, well behaved boy, he answered. Do you want me to talk to him?

Not until I talk to Jim, replied the judge. And he went away, looking worried.

That night Henry Appleton told his wife about the call.

Well, she said, I'll tell you what Stephen said. He confessed he had been fighting, and that he was heartily ashamed of it. But, he added, it couldn't be helped.

The fight was forced on him and the only way in which he could retain his place in the school was to resent the treatment he had received from some of the pupils.

If I thought he had done wrong he would go away.

And what did you do? Henry Appleton asked.

I gave him a lotion for his eye, the lady replied.

The next morning Judge Strong called again.

Did you speak to that boy of yours, Appleton, he asked.

No.

I'm glad of it. I had a talk with Jim. Jim, I said, you had a fight at school the other day. Jim admitted it. You fought with a boy named Stephen Bruce. Jim admitted the charge. And he whipped you? Jim nodded. Yes, he replied, he whipped me. And he can whip any boy in school. The judge looked hard at Appleton.

Do you know that pleased me, he said. It did me good to find that Jim had the moral courage to admit his defeat. Jim has been a pretty difficult proposition for us, as I suppose you know. He has neglected his studies and run pretty wild. But we won't admit that he is really bad. He's just foolish and wayward.

Of course, said Henry Appleton. I guess I won't say anything to Stephen.

The judge suddenly laughed.

I hope he won't insist upon teaching my boy prize fighting. What do you know about him as a scholar?

Nothing. All the curiosity along that line is confined to my wife. I'll ask what she knows.

He told his wife what the judge had said and she laughed over it.

Now I'll tell you what Stephen told me about the trouble, she said. I judge from what he said that the Strong boy is the bully of the school. He must have borne down pretty heavily on Stephen and finally he went a little too far. He ridiculed Stephen's clothes and his country manners, and his red hair. And finally he taunted Stephen with being a coward and slapped him. Then Stephen took off his coat and they fought in the little grove behind the school. And Stephen whipped him. It was the only thing he could do, he told me. He said his connection with the school would have been unendurable if he had let the Strong boy continue to tyrannize over him.

Henry Appleton laughed.

And where did our Stephen obtain his unusual prowess? he asked.

He taught a district school, his wife answered. And he had to whip every one of the big boys before he could establish his authority, and some of them were as big as full grown men. And after he had whipped them all he had no more trouble.

Henry Appleton laughed again.

Our Stephen grows more and more interesting, he said. And didn't the worthy principal find out about this little scrap in the grove?

Yes, Stephen told him.

Stephen?

Stephen went to the principal next day and told him he had violated one of the school rules and was very sorry. Is that the cause for your black eye? the principal asked. Stephen told him it was. What was the name of the other boy? the principal

asked. Stephen said he couldn't tell him that. Then run along, said the principal, and don't forget that you have two examinations to-morrow. And Stephen has heard no more about the fight.

I'd like to know who told the principal? said Henry Appleton. Stephen didn't know.

I wonder if it could have been Jim Strong?

I hope it was, said his wife. Whosoever told was careful not to throw any blame on Stephen.

Which, of course, is greatly to his credit, said Henry Appleton. And I hope it was Jim Strong.

Henry Appleton was a busy man. His work required close attention. He was quite too busy to interest himself in Stephen Bruce.

One night his wife told him that Stephen wanted a favor.

Let's hear it, Appleton responded.

He wants you to let him use the upper room of the stable. He has cleared it out nicely. He wants to have a school friend or two visit him there.

He'll set fire to the place won't he?

He seems careful.

Very well. Tell him he can use it.

I'll thank you for him, Henry. So that was settled and then Henry Appleton forgot all about it.

But one morning Judge Strong came into his office.

How are you, Appleton? I dropped in on a little personal business.

You are always welcome, judge. Take a chair.

The judge hesitated.

It's about Jim, he said.

Nothing wrong?

I don't know.

But I thought Jim was doing better.

He has done better. I hoped the reform would be permanent. And what is the trouble?

I wish I knew. He seems to be completely under the influence of that hired boy of yours.

Henry Appleton looked around quickly.

And you think the influence is a bad one?

I'm afraid it is. I can't quite imagine that Jim would be fascinated by a good influence—more's the pity.

This is all news to me, judge, said Henry Appleton. And I'm a little slow to believe that Stephen Bruce is a bad companion for your Jim.

The judge nodded.

I see your point, he said, but that doesn't relieve my mind. Those boys, Jim and your hired lad, meet somewhere nearly every night. I've no idea what they do. Perhaps they gamble.

Have you talked to Jim?

Yes, in a guarded way. He has an unreasonable temper. I have to be very careful. What does your boy do to evenings?

I don't know, Appleton answered. I don't see anything of him.

And then he remembered something and suddenly frowned.

By George, he said, I guess I know their rendezvous.

Where is it? the judge eagerly asked.

I'll let you know later. I'll take you there this evening. We will root out this mystery together.

Yes, yes, said the judge. Where shall we meet?

On my porch. Be there at 8.30. All right, said the judge.

It was a dark evening and the two investigators had little fear of detection. Henry Appleton was waiting for the judge.

The place of rendezvous is my stable, he said, and I think your boy Jim is there now. Come.

They stole around the house and up the driveway.

There was a light in the upper window of the stable.

Appleton pointed to it.

There is a ladder back of the stable, he whispered. Help me with it.

Then the two men returned to the porch.

There was a prolonged silence.

Does that boy want to go to college? the judge asked in a constrained voice.

He told me he did, said Henry Appleton. He means to work his way.

The judge leaned forward.

He won't have to work his way, he said. I'm going to send him. I want him to go with Jim.

Henry Appleton stiffened.

I may be a little slow in waking up, he said, but I fancy I'm entitled to a share in this venture. Isn't he my boy?

The judge stared at Henry. Then he put out his hand.

Make it a joint affair, share and share alike, he said.

And their hands met.

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